

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending. Claims 1-40 are rejected. Reconsideration of the Application and Claims is respectfully requested.

103 Rejection

Claims 1-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Vallstrom et al. (US Patent No. 2004/0192352) in view of Harrington et al. (US Patent No. 7,046,657). Applicants respectfully submit that Vallstrom et al. in view of Harrington et al. does not anticipate or render obvious the embodiments of the present invention as are set forth in Claims 1-40.

The Examiner is respectfully directed to Claim 1, which is drawn to a method for dynamic configuration of a mobile access point. Claim 1 is reproduced below in its entirety for the convenience of the Examiner.

1. A method for dynamic configuration of a mobile access point, said method comprising:
determining a position of said mobile access point based on a position determination system, said mobile access point operable to facilitate wireless communications between a distributed computer network and a wireless client device;
identifying a region based on said position; and
automatically updating configuration information associated with an application of said mobile access point based on said region, wherein said configuration information is for configuring wireless communications between a distributed computer network and a wireless client device for said mobile access point within said region.

Claims 11, 21 and 31 recite limitations that are similar to those contained in Claim 1. Claims 2-10 depend from independent Claim 1, Claims 12-20 depend from independent Claim 11, Claims 22-30 depend from independent Claim 21 and Claims 32-40 depend from independent Claim 31 and respectively set forth additional limitations of the present claimed invention.

Vallstrom et al. does not anticipate or render obvious the embodiments of the present invention that are set forth in the Claims. Vallstrom et al. does not teach or suggest all of the limitations that are recited in the aforementioned Claims as is required to anticipate or render obvious the embodiments of the present invention set forth therein. Specifically, Vallstrom et al. does not teach or suggest a method for dynamic configuration of a mobile access point that includes “automatically updating configuration information associated with an application of said mobile access point based on said region, wherein said configuration information is for configuring wireless communications between a distributed computer network and a wireless client device for said mobile access point within said region” as set forth in Claim 1 (Claims 21 and 31 contain similar limitations). And, Harrington et al. does not teach or suggest these limitations to remedy the deficiencies of Vallstrom.

Vallstrom et al. discloses a dissimilar energy efficient object location reporting system. Vallstrom et al. is concerned with the efficient use of battery power (see page 1, paragraph 0007) for location determining and reporting systems. Moreover, the focus of Vallstrom et al. in this regard is tracking devices. This is very different from the embodiment set forth in Applicants’ Claim 1 which encompasses a configuration of a mobile access point that provides an interface for communications between a distributed computer network and a wireless client device. It is important to note that a tracking device merely provides location information whereas an access point facilitates communication. This very basic difference precludes the equating of the wireless access point that is set forth in Claim 1 and the tracking device that is disclosed by Vallstrom et al.

Applicants respectfully submit that nowhere in the Vallstrom et al. reference is automatically updating configuration information associated with an application of a mobile access point based on region, wherein the configuration information is for configuring wireless communications between a distributed computer network and a wireless client device for the mobile access point within the region taught or suggested as is set forth in Claim 1 (Claims 21 and 31 contain similar limitations).

Harrington et al. does not teach or suggest a modification of Vallstrom et al. that would remedy the deficiencies of Vallstrom et al outlined above. In particular, Vallstrom et al. does not teach or suggest a method for dynamic configuration of a mobile access point that includes “automatically updating configuration information associated with an application of said mobile access point based on said region, wherein said configuration information is for configuring wireless communications between a distributed computer network and a wireless client device for said mobile access point within said region” as set forth in Claim 1 (Claims 21 and 31 contain similar limitations).

Harrington et al. discloses a dissimilar wireless local area network with mobile access point determination. However, Harrington et al. is not concerned with the configuration of the mobile access point for wireless communication as is required to meet the limitations of Claim 1. A review of the passages that are cited by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action as teaching these limitations reveal no such subject matter (see column 2, lines 56-67, column 9, lines 63 to column 10, line12).

Applicant respectfully submits that nowhere in the Harrington et al. reference is automatically updating configuration information associated with an application of a mobile access point based on region, wherein the configuration information is for configuring wireless communications between a distributed computer network and a wireless client device for the mobile access point within the region as is set forth in Claim 1 (Claims 21 and 31 contain similar limitations).

Consequently, the embodiments of the present invention that are set forth in Claims 1, 11, 21 and 31 are not anticipated or rendered obvious by Vallstrom et al. in view of Harrington et al. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Vallstrom et al. in view of Harrington et al. does not anticipate or render obvious the embodiments of the present

claimed invention as are recited in Claims 2-10 which depend from Claim 1, Claims 12-20 which depend from Claim 11, Claims 22-30 which depend from Claim 21 and Claims 32-40 which depend from Claim 31. Consequently, the rejection of Claims 1-40 based on Vallstrom et al. in view of Harrington et al. under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is improper and should be withdrawn.

Conclusion


In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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